

REMARKS

I. Amendments

By this amendment, claims 32, 33, 36, 38-44 and 46-49 have been cancelled.

No amendment of inventorship is necessitated by this amendment.

II. Discussion of the Advisory Action

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner has indicated that the Supplementary Information Disclosure Statement mailed June 2, 2003 has been considered and that the response filed June 2, 2003 has been entered.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 1-7, 9, 11-19, 21-29 and 31.

The Advisory Action indicates that the single remaining outstanding rejection is of claims 32, 33, 36, 38-44 and 46-49 under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 103(a) as allegedly obvious over Shimizu *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,824,339) in light of Kamada (EP 0 452 862). To expedite prosecution, Applicants chose to cancel these rejected claims from the present application, to pursue them separately in a continuing application to be filed shortly.

Therefore, Applicants submit that the remaining pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is requested in light of the amendments and arguments provided above. Should the Examiner believe that a conference with Applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, she is respectfully requested to call Applicants' attorney at (847) 383-3391.

Respectfully submitted,

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